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SYSTEM HAVING A CONDUCTOR RAIL FOR SUPPLYING POWER  
TO THE DRIVE VEHICLES

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The present invention defines a specific short-circuiting device for an electric railway system having a conductor rail for supplying power to the drive vehicles, which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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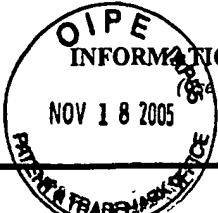
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